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The Sage of Saddle River

A serene Nixon looks at the world and himself

On the identity of 'Deep Threat' and a possible CIA connection. It must have been a composite [of people]. You know, the best nonfiction is really fiction so I guess . . . that I think they talked to several. I've learned things about the CIA, I was amazed to hear that they had the assassination plots, I really was. All this stuff about the poison sticks and the rest. Maybe that's the way they operate. I've never felt that [former CIA Director Richard] Helms would have anything to do with [it]. I consider him a first-class professional. But I don't know, it's a strange world, isn't it? That's one of the reasons I don't go back over it.

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